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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION TESTIMONY ON ARTICLE XXIV:6

NEGOTIATIONS AT SENATE TRADE BILL HEARINGS

1. THERE IS INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT THAT ONLY ADMINISTRATION

WITNESS TO TAKE UP US-EC ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

DURING INITIAL TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ON TRADE BILL MARCH 4-7 WILL BE AMBASSADOR EBERLE.

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AMBASSADOR GREENWALD IN BRUSSELS HAS SHOWN EC COMMISSIONER

SOAMES DRAFT TEXT OF EBERLE'S PREPARED TESTIMONY. SOAMES
REMARKED THAT TEXT WAS GOOD ONE AND WOULD BE HELPFUL.
DRAF TEXT AS FOLLOWS :

2. BEGIN TEXT : AT THIS VERY MOMENT, AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE
ALSO INTENSIVELY ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CONCERNING THE TRADE EFFECTS OF
ENLARGEMENT OF THE EC TO INCLUDE UK, IRELAND, AND DENMARK.
THE ENTRY OF THESE THREE COUNTRIES TO THE EC RESULTED IN
CHANGES IN THEIR TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES TO BRING
THEM INTO LINE WITH THE EC. FOR THE US THERE HAVE BEEN
BOTH PLUSES AND MINUSES INVOLVED, AND SOME BRITISH, IRISH
AND DANISH TARIFFS HAVE COME DOWN, WHILE OTHERS HAVE
RISEN. TAKING ALL OF THIS INTO ACCOUNT, HOWEVER, WE
BELIEVE THAT ADJUSTMENTS HAVE TO BE MADE IN OUR FAVOR TO
MAKE A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING
WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING A SIGNIFICANT TRADE CONCESSION

ON SELECTED ITEMS OF PARTICULAR VALUE TO THE U.S. WHICH
MIGHT PROVIDE A PARTIAL, BUT ADEQUATE, COUNTER-BALANCE TO
THE ADJUSTMENT WHICH THE EC HAS ALREADY MADE. THESE TRADE
TALKS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EC HAVE NOT BEEN EASY.
BOTH SIDES HAVE GOOD ARGUMENTS TO PUT FORWARD, AND THE
GATT IN THIS CASE ONLY PRESCRIBES THAT A NEGOTIATED
SOLUTION IS NEEDED. THE TALKS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR A
YEAR AND A HALF ALREADY. HOWEVER, THE ISSUE IS UNDER THE
MOST INTENSE DISCUSSION WITHIN THE EC, AND BETWEEN THE
EC AND THE U.S. AT THIS VERY MOMENT, AND I AM NOT ABLE
HERE TO PREDICT THE PARTICULAR FORM OF THE OUTCOME. END
TEXT. CASEY

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